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Union of Medical Societies of London.

REPORT of the Organising Committee as amended and adopted by the General Committee of Representatives of the Societies July 17, 1906.

Your Committee (consisting of Sir William Church (Chairman), Sir R. Douglas Powell, Dr. Champneys, Dr. Garrod, Dr. Head, Mr. Langton, Mr. Goodsall, Mr. Makins, and Mr. Symonds, together with Dr. Latham and Mr. Pendlebury as honorary secretaries) held its first meeting on February 8th, 1906, when Sir F. Treves (who to the Committee's regret was unable to serve), Dr. Allchin, Dr. Frederick Taylor, and Mr. Laurence Read were co-opted members.

Your Committee carefully considered the replies received from the various Societies, which had been requested to give their views on the report of the Committee of Representatives of December 19, 1905, and appointed delegates to meet delegates of these Societies, to negotiate with regard to any points of difference. The reports of these delegates were considered, and the suggested regulations on page 4 *et seq.* form the basis of what your Committee believes will be acceptable to the larger number of Societies.

The central ideas of those who first suggested a union of societies were, that such a union would add to the prestige of British medicine, would tend to bring those engaged in special branches of medicine or surgery into more intimate relations with those whose work was of a more general character, and would be a great convenience

to the profession. Your Committee has endeavoured to meet the views of the various Societies, whenever it has been possible to do so without destroying the original intentions of the Committee of Representatives. Your Committee would especially draw attention to the suggestions that :—

(1) All male members of those Societies which take part in the amalgamation can join the New Society on its formation as Members or Fellows without election.

(2) All women members of a Society taking part in the amalgamation, who desire to do so, shall become members of the corresponding section or sections of the New Society on its formation without election.

(3) Sections of the New Society shall be self-governing as far as possible, and shall have direct representatives on the Council of the Society and on the Editorial Committee. The expenditure of the individual sections shall be subject to the control of the Finance Committee of the General Council.

(4) Any Member of any section shall receive for his subscription a copy of the proceedings, not only of his own section, but of all sections of the Society.

Your Committee appointed a Finance Sub-Committee, consisting of Dr. Frederick Taylor (chairman), Dr. Head, Dr. Latham, Mr. Goodsall, and Mr. Pendlebury. The report of this Sub-Committee was adopted *nemine contradicente* by your Committee, and is incorporated in the following pages.

If both the Medical and Royal Medical and Chirurgical Societies join the proposed union, the number of rooms which would be at once available for meetings, both for the general business of the Society and for other purposes, is as follows : At 20, Hanover Square, two meeting rooms, and five other rooms, at present occupied by the Odontological and Obstetrical Societies ; at 11, Chandos Street, two meeting rooms and one other room, at present occupied by the Ophthalmological Society. Many of the existing leases of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical

Society terminate in 1911, and it is probable that some other tenants could be persuaded to give up their rooms almost immediately, if the above accommodation did not prove sufficient.

The Finance report, with its explanatory appendices, shows that a balance of income over expenditure may be expected to the amount of £1,200, for the provision of a fund which may be used for the redemption of existing debentures or for the formation of a building Fund. It will be noticed that 1,040 individuals, or 57·7 per cent. of those who answered the post-card enquiry (1800), stated that they would join as Fellows, although under present conditions only 1300 (*i.e.*, 26 per cent.) of the Members of Societies (5,000), whose accounts have been investigated, pay more than £1 1s. per annum. In estimating the income from those who have not answered the post-card enquiry, no allowance has been made for any individuals becoming Fellows, or joining more than one section, or paying a library subscription. If, however, the 57·7 percentage were maintained amongst those who may be expected to join, although they did not answer the post-card enquiry, the balance of income over expenditure would be increased by (1557 × £2 2s.) £3,269, *i.e.*, would become £4,469.

It is necessary to explain why your Committee has included an estimate of income and expenditure excluding the Medical Society. The representatives of the Medical Society on your Committee are not disposed to accept the valuation, which has been twice placed on the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society's property by independent valuers. Accordingly it was suggested that the Presidents of the Medical and Royal Medical and Chirurgical Societies should together appoint a valuer to make a further valuation. The Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society intimated their willingness to agree to this suggestion, provided that the Medical Society would bind itself to join the proposed union in the event of the present valuation of the property of the Royal Medical and Chir-

urgical Society being confirmed. The Medical Society has had this offer before it for some time, but up to the present has sent no answer.

The expenses of the Executive Committee and of this Committee have been, or will be, met by the various Societies which have representatives on the Committee of Representatives.

Your Committee is of opinion that a union of Societies on the lines laid down in the following pages would be successful, and that the aims of those who initiated the movement would be realised. Your Committee suggests that this report should be laid before the various Societies, and that those Societies which approve it, should each appoint, before December 7th next, a representative to form a Committee, to draw up rules and to deal with the necessary formalities of amalgamation. Your Committee further suggests that these representatives should form the first Council of the New Society and have power to co-opt other members.

SUGGESTED REGULATIONS, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN FINANCIAL DETAILS.

Title of Society.

The decision with regard to the title of the New Society, and such questions as the election of Fellows and rules of procedure, shall be left to the vote of those Societies which amalgamate.

Housing.

The Society shall be housed at 20, Hanover Square, and at 11, Chandos Street.

Constitution.

The Society shall consist of Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Members of Sections, and Honorary Members of Sections.

All male Members of a Society taking part in the amalgamation, who desire to do so, shall become Fellows of the New Society without election.

An original Fellow of the New Society shall have no power to vote in the business of any section unless he is an original Member of that section, or unless he has been duly elected to it subsequent to the formation of the New Society.

All members of a Society taking part in the amalgamation who desire to do so shall become original Members of the corresponding section without election, whether they join as Fellows or as Members.

Members of a Society taking part in the amalgamation cannot become Members of any section or sections, other than those which correspond to the Society or Societies to which they belong at present, unless they are duly elected Members of such sections after the formation of the New Society.

All women Members of a Society taking part in the amalgamation, who desire to do so, shall become Members of Sections of the New Society in precisely the same manner as male Members.

Honorary Fellows of any Society taking part in the amalgamation shall retain their present privileges, but the election of Honorary Fellows of the New Society must be left until the Society is formed.

The Society shall consist of the following sections which represent existing Societies, but the Society shall have power to add new sections, or to modify existing ones with the consent of the Members :—

(1) Anæsthetic.
(2) Balneological and Climatological
(3) Clinical.
(4) Dermatological.
(5) Diseases of Children.
(6) Electro-Therapeutical.
(7) Epidemiological.
(8) Laryngological.

(9) Life Insurance.
(10) Medical.
(11) Neurological.
(12) Obstetrical and Gynæcological.
(13) Odontological.
(14) Ophthalmological.
(15) Otological.
(16) Pathological.
(17) Surgical.
(18) Therapeutical.

It is hoped that in the early future an Anatomical and Physiological Section and a Section of Preventive Medicine may be formed.

The Medico-Psychological Association and the Medico-Legal Society, although not at present able to form Sections in the New Society, hope to do so in the future.

Finance.

The entire management of the Funds of the Society shall be in the hands of a Finance Committee, subject to and acting as a Sub-Committee of the General Council.

Those Societies which bring in property, together with a library, namely, the Medical, Royal Medical and Chirurgical, Obstetrical, Ophthalmological and Odontological Societies, shall each choose a direct representative, who shall have a seat on the first Finance Committee of the New Society.

The invested funds and other property of any Society joining in the amalgamation shall at once become the property of the New Society.

All funds left in trust for Prizes and Lectureships shall remain in trust and shall at once become the property of the New Society, which shall administer them in the terms of the existing trusts.

Estimate of Income and Expenditure of the New Society with Explanatory Appendices.

ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

I.—Including the Medical Society.

*Income.**	£	s.	d.	*Vide* Appendix
From Subscriptions	6,800	0	0	A.
From Investments...	350	0	0	Ditto B.
From Rents				Ditto C.
(*a*) Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society	2,000	0	0	
(*b*) Medical Society	700	0	0	
From Entrance Fees	150	0	0	
	£10,000	0	0	

* An estimated income from advertisements in the *Proceedings*, amounting to £555, has been ignored for the moment.

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	
Interest on £33,300 Debentures at 3 per cent. R.M.C.S.	999	0	0	
Interest on £2,300 4 per cent. Debentures Medical Society	92	0	0	
Maintenance.				Ditto D.
(*a*) R.M.C.S.	2,050	0	0	
(*b*) Medical Society	900	0	0	
Library				
(*a*) R.M.C.S.	600	0	0	
(*b*) Medical Society	25	0	0	
Proceedings of the New Society, 10 issues per annum, including cost of distribution and illustrations	2,286	0	0	Ditto E.
Editor	500	0	0	Total allowed for Salaries, £2,048
Increase of salaried officials (at present £1,048)	500	0	0	
†Additional expenses for printing, stationery, library, sectional meetings and other contingencies	848	0	0	
Balance for Depreciation, Reserve and Building Fund and Redemption of Debentures	1,200	0	0	
	£10,000	0	0	

†On an average of ten years these additional expenses amounted to £457.

Vide Appendix F.

ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

I.—Excluding the Medical Society.

Income.

	£	s.	d.
From Subscriptions	6,527	0	0
From Investments...	350	0	0
From Rents	2,000	0	0
Entrance Fees	150	0	0
	£9,027	0	0

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Debentures R.M.C.S	999	0	0
Maintenance R.M.C.S.	2,050	0	0
Library R.M.C.S....	600	0	0
Proceedings of New Society	2,286	0	0
Editor	500	0	0
Increase of salaried officials	500	0	0
Additional meeting expenses, extra printing, stationery, library and contingencies	848	0	0
Balance	1,244	0	0
	£9,027	0	0

Appendix A.

INCOME FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS OF THE NEW SOCIETY.

Present reply post-cards show :—		£	s.	d.
1,040	Fellows at £3 3s.	3,276	0	0
150	two or more sections	315	0	0
300	one section	315	0	0
30	one section and Library	63	0	0
1,520	total promised per annum	£3,969	0	0

Out of 5,000, 1,800 have replied, viz., 1,520 as above; the others are doubtful, dead, gone away, compounded, country and refusals.

The Medico-Psychological Association will not join at present. This has 500 members who belong to no other society.

There are left, therefore, 5,000 — 2,300 = 2,700 members who will come in as Members of Sections, or possibly as Fellows, if their Society joins.

Total Income from Subscriptions :—	£	s.	d.
(1) Promised as above	3,969	0	0
(2) Join with their Society as members ...	2,835	0	0
	£6,804	0	0

N.B.—These figures may be increased, for :—

(1) The Medico-Legal Society is not included in these figures, nor the Anatomical, nor the Physiological Society, although either may join in the future.

(2) Many counted above as refusals or doubtful will join if their Society joins.

(3) All the Fellows of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society have not answered the post-card.

(4) A certain proportion of the 2,700 included as *Members* may reasonably be expected to join as *Fellows*.

Appendix B.

INVESTMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, New South Wales Stock	326	7	0
Mr. Gant's Legacy	500	0	0
Gynæcological Society, Railway Stock... ...	255	0	0
Clinical Society, Consols	668	0	0
Obstetrical Society, Consols and L.C.C. ...	2,550	0	0
Odontological Society, Consols...	5,070	0	0
Ophthalmological Society, Consols	520	0	0
Pathological Society, Consols	800	0	0
Children's Society, Consols	341	0	0
	£11,030	7	0

It is probable that some changes have taken place in these investments since the Auditors went through the accounts.

Appendix C.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

Memorandum *re* Tenancies.

Tenants.	*Rent.*	*Term.*
*1.	£200	21 years from 1890.
2.	170	21 years from 1890.
3.	65	21 years from 1904.
4.	45	Yearly.
*5.	52	Yearly.
6.	230	21 years from 1890.
*7.	105	Yearly.
8.	75	5 years from 1904.
9.	15	Yearly.
10.	165	7 years from 1904.
11.	25	Yearly.
12.	350	66½ years from 1890.
13.	150	Yearly.
*14.	42	3 years from 1905.
15.	21	Yearly.
16.	130	21 years from 1890.
*17.	21	3 years from 1905.
*18.	73	Yearly.
19.	70	Yearly.
*20.	12	Yearly.
*21.	273	21, 28, or 35 years from 1901.
22.	26	3 years from 1905.
23.	58	Yearly.
24.	70	3 years from 1902.
25.	160	7, 14, or 21 years from 1902.
26.	162	7, 14, or 21 years from 1902.
	£2,765	
Sundry lettings of meeting-rooms, average	65	
	£2,830	

* Are Societies willing to take part in the union after negotiation, and are therefore excluded from our estimate of income from rents.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Income derived from Rents and Occasional Lettings.

		£	s.	d.
1.	On lease expiring in 1914...	250	0	0
2.	On lease expiring in 1915...	160	0	0
3.	Annual tenancy	70	7	6
*4.	,, ,, ...	80	0	0
5.	,, ,, ...	40	0	0
6.	,, ,, ...	45	0	0
7.	,, ,, ...	5	5	0
*8.	,, ,, ...	16	16	0
*9.	,, ,, ...	21	0	0
*10.	,, ,, ...	15	15	0
11.	,, ,, ...	10	10	0
12.	,, ,, ...	24	0	0
13.	,, ,, ...	5	5	0
14.	On lease expiring in 1909	90	0	0
		829	18	6
	Occasional lettings	110	0	0
		£939	13	6

* Are Societies willing to join in the union after negotiation and are excluded from our estimate.

Income derived from Rents and Occasional Lettings and Fellows' Subscriptions for the Past Five Years.

	Fellows' Subscriptions.			*Rents and Occasional Lettings.*		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1900-01 Session	532	16	0	876	16	0
1901-02 ,,	552	16	6	886	0	6
1902-03 ,,	543	18	0	895	12	6
1903-04 ,,	599	0	6	944	18	0
1904-05 ,,	603	3	6	954	1	10

In our estimate of income from Rents we have also excluded Occasional Lettings, though it is probable that this source of income will remain after the New Society is formed.

Appendix D.

MAINTENANCE.—ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

	£	s.	d.
Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	198	0	0
Salaries of Staff and Accountant	704	0	0
House Servants, Porters, Cleaners	352	0	0
Lighting, Warming and Cleaning	192	0	0
Printing and Stationery, Stamps	251	0	0
Meeting Expenses	43	0	0
Repairs and Alterations...	141	0	0
Telephone	15	0	0
Lift	34	0	0
Miscellaneous Disbursements	55	0	0
Audit Fee	10	10	0
Architect's Fees	16	16	0
	£2,013	6	0

MAINTENANCE.—MEDICAL SOCIETY.

	£	s.	d.
Rent, Rates and Taxes	460	0	0
Salaries, Wages and Annuity	235	0	0
Meeting Expenses	15	0	0
Repairs	20	0	0
Printing	25	0	0
Lighting, Heating, and Cleaning	90	0	0
Miscellaneous	55	0	0
	£900	0	0

Appendix E.

MONTHLY PROCEEDINGS—COST.

	£	s.	d.
Cost of composing 256 pages small pica solid, supplying paper, printing, and binding in wrapper (small type footnotes, and tabular matter extra). 6,000 copies at £8 8s. a sheet of 16 pages	134	8	0
Allowance for correction at 1s. 6d. per page ...	19	4	0
Cost of distribution at 2d. a copy	50	0	0
Allowance for illustrations	25	0	0
	£228	12	0

Therefore cost of ten issues ... £2,286 0s. 0d.

Note.—Number of words per page, 610; estimated output of words, 1,561,600. The annual output of words under present conditions is estimated at 1,580,000.

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Appendix F.

FINANCE, EXCLUDING MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Loss of Income.

	£	s.	d.
260 Fellows of Medical Society belonging to that Society only	273	0	0
Rents, as per estimate Appendix C.	700	0	0
	£973	0	0

Decrease of Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Maintenance, as per estimate	900	0	0
Library	25	0	0
Interest on debentures	92	0	0
	£1,017	0	0

The Society will also be relieved of the redemption of £2,300 4 per cent. debentures. But there will be two meeting rooms and one other room *less* for the purposes of the new Society.

Appendix G.

MEMBERS OF VARIOUS SOCIETIES WHO BELONG TO ONLY ONE SOCIETY.

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Dermatological Society of Great Britain and Ireland ...	35
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Epidemiological Society of London	121
Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Association	37
Laryngological Society of London	49
Life Assurance Medical Officers' Association	25
Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland	514
Medical Society of London	260
Neurological Society of the United Kingdom	73
Obstetrical Society of London	354
Odontological Society of Great Britain	364
Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom ...	311
Otological Society	21
Pathological Society of London	219
Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London ...	203
Society of Anæsthetists	52
Society for the Study of Diseases in Children	135
Therapeutical Society	137
	3,713

General Government of the Society.

The general management of the Society shall be under the control of a General Council, consisting of the President, the Presidents of the various Sections, two Treasurers, two Librarians, two Secretaries, and eight other Fellows.

The Society shall meet from time to time according as the Council shall direct :—

(1) To discuss the general business of the Society.

(2) To discuss subjects of medical and scientific interest.

After the formation of the New Society the Fellowship of the Society shall be restricted to men who are registered medical practitioners of the British Empire, and to men whose scientific attainments are satisfactory to the General Council.

On the formation of the New Society, women shall not become Fellows, but care shall be taken that nothing in the constitution of the New Society shall prevent the Society from passing the necessary bye-laws for the purpose of admitting them as Fellows in the future.

A Fellow shall pay, subject to any future bye-law, an annual subscription of £3 3s., and shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Society or of any of its Sections, and shall have full use of the Library. After the Society is constituted (*i.e.*, after a date to be subsequently determined) a new Fellow shall pay an entrance fee.

It is not thought advisable to have a lower subscription for Country Fellows than for Town Fellows at present.

Government of Sections.

Each Section shall have the power to elect as Members of the Section such persons as the Council of the Section may think fit, provided that the names of the candidates proposed for election be previously submitted by the Sectional Council to the Council of the Society for its approval.

Only original Members of a Section, and those who are subsequently elected as Members of it, shall have the power to vote on matters affecting the internal affairs of that Section.

Each Section shall have power to make the necessary laws and regulations for the conduct of its internal affairs.

In each Section the papers shall be submitted to the Council of the Section before they are accepted for reading.

The Council of each Section shall have sole power to decide whether a paper submitted to it shall be read before that Section.

In the event of the Council of a Section considering that a particular paper might be discussed with advantage by two or more Sections, or by the whole Society, it shall have power to transmit the paper to the General Council for this purpose.

Presidents of Sections shall be the Vice-Presidents of the Society *ex officio*, and shall serve on the General Council of the Society.

A Member of any particular Section shall pay, subject to any future bye-law, £1 1s. per annum, and shall have the right to attend all the meetings of his Section, but must pay an additional £1 1s. per annum if he wishes to have the use of the Library, and a further subscription of 10s. 6d. per annum for each additional Section.

It is not thought desirable to have a lower subscription for Country Members than for Town Members at present.

In virtue of their bringing their Libraries into the amalgamation the existing Fellows and Members of the Medical, Obstetrical, Odontological and Ophthalmological Societies shall have the privilege of using the library of the New Society without payment of the annual library subscription.

The Odontological Library and Museum shall be kept separate, and shall be open to Members of the Odontological, and to Fellows of the New, Society.

Fellows of the Medical Society or of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, who join the New Society as

Fellows, shall be original Members of both the Medical and Surgical Sections.

Fellows of the Medical Society who belong to that Society *only* shall be permitted to join both the Medical and Surgical Sections at an inclusive annual subscription of one guinea.

The Presidents of the Medical and Royal Medical and Chirurgical Societies at the time of the formation of the New Society shall have seats on the first Council in addition to the direct representatives of their Societies.

The first Council shall elect the Officers and Councils of the Medical and Surgical Sections of the New Society as far as possible from those who hold office at the time of union in the Medical and Royal Medical and Chirurgical Societies.

The governing bodies of the other Sections shall be elected by the original Members of the individual Sections.

Publications.

There shall be ten monthly issues of a publication to be called "The Proceedings of the ——— Society."

The Proceedings shall contain as full a record as possible of the Society's work during the previous month, and individual papers shall be condensed only with the sanction of the Council of the Section before which they have been read.

The record of the work of the Sections shall be adequately illustrated.

The Proceedings shall be printed in such a way that the Proceedings of any Section may be bound separately at the end of the year.

As far as possible all papers shall be in Proof before being read.

Care shall be taken to respect the Exchange list of the present Societies when they become Sections of the New Society.

Each Society joining the amalgamation shall send its Exchange list to the Editorial Committee, which at the

end of each year shall forward, to those on this list, separate copies of the Proceedings of the Sections concerned.

Members of Sections, who desire to do so, shall be able to obtain from the Editor at the end of each year separately bound copies of the Proceedings of a particular Section, provided that they give notice of their wish to do so before the publication of the first copy, and that they pay for the cost of binding.

Societies which own or partly own Journals shall make their own arrangements with regard to these quite apart from the question of amalgamation.

It is hoped that when the Society has been constituted the most valuable papers may be collected together into an Annual Volume of Transactions.

The entire management of the publication of the Monthly Proceedings of the New Society shall be in the hands of an Editorial Committee.

The Editorial Committee shall consist of one representative of each Section, together with an Editor, and shall work in conjunction with the Councils of the various Sections.

(Signed) W. S. Church,
Chairman.